

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Since the Telecommunications Act of 1996 I have noticed that news is dispensed from fewer and fewer sources and that local newspapers are owned by out of town, out of state corporations, all of which has affected the quality of reporting.

Although I no longer receive cable television I do not miss it since the quality of the hundreds of programs has dropped so precipitously, particularly in the news programs. Overall, increased consolidation due to decreased regulation has led to reduced quality and diversity of information in the media. Further, the consolidation prompted by the Act has led to the reduction of jobs in the field of journalism.

Please don't make the situation worse by loosening the rules anymore. Americans are dumbed down enough.